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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2002/03-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

2 Local Highway Element

- Programs "Genesee Avenue widening project (MPO ID: SD89)" for the City of San Diego. The project scope includes widening of Genesee Avenue from 4-lanes to 6-lanes with Class II bicycle lanes between I-5 and Campus Point Drive. The amendment programs a total of \$2,733,000 in local funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002/03.
- Programs "Clairemont Mesa Boulevard widening project (MPO ID: SD90)" for the City of San Diego. The project scope includes widening of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. from 4-lanes to 6-lanes, between Kearney Mesa Road and Kearney Villa Road through the State Route 163/Clairemont Blvd. interchange. The amendment programs a total of \$10,750,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and local funds in FY 2003/04. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination

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requirement, or have been found by the SANDAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included by SANDAG in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SANDAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with SANDAG Intergovernmental Review (IGR) procedures.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

JIM NICHOLAS Chief Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Gary Gallegos - San Diego Association of Governments Sookyung Kim - San Diego Association of Governments Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans

bc: FFalakfarsa - Local Assistance
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BButler - Federal Aid (w/enclosures)
RZhang - Local Assistance (w/enclosures)
FTIP Binder (w/original)